Reagan separates elections, Lebanon

WASHINGTON (R) - President Reagan said Wednesday he would not allow political considerations in the 1984 U.S. election year to influence his commitment to the American peace-keeping role in Lebanon. At a news conference shortly after the U.S. battleship New Jersey pounded the Lebanese coast, he demissed press reports that he would withdraw the contingent of 1,800 Marines from Beirur shead of next summer's political party conventions. "No decision that I'm going to make on anything of this kind is related to the election or the conventions or anything political." Mr. Reagan said. Mr. Reagan will announce his decision to seek a second term of Jan. 29, the Washington Post reported Wednesday. The Post said the Republican president would make the announcement in a nationally-televised speech from the White House.



'Egypt has regional security role'

CAIRO (R) - A senior Egyptian official was quoted Wednesday as saying that Egypt had a role in safeguarding security in the region beyond its geographical borders. "Egypt's role in safeguarding security in the area extends beyond its borders."
Osama Baz, top foreign policy adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, was quoted as saying by the official Middle East News Agency (MENA). "We are evaluating the situation... but military intervention will only complicate the situation further." he said, answering a question about a possible Egyptian role to reduce tension in the region. Mr. Baz. speaking after a meeting of Egypt's highest policy-making body to discuss Monday's bombings in Kuwait, said the attacks were a "dangerous development and should not occur in any other part of the Gulf." Earlier Wednesday. Mr. Mubarak condemned the attacks in Kuwait and said violence would not help the search for Middle East peace.

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Hamad briefed on Alia airport

AMMAN (J.T.) - Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ibn Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa Wednesday visited the Queen Alia International Airport. Sheikh Hamad, toured the airport's various sections and inspected their functions and activities, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. Sheikh Hamad was briefed on the airport's services by Mahmoud Balqz, director general of the Civil Aviation Authority. Petra added.

Venue may change

GENEVA (R) - Lebanese national reconciliation talks, when reconvened in neutral Switzerland, are likely to be held in Montreux rather than Geneva where the first session took place last month, a Swiss Foreign Ministry spokesman in Berne said Wednesday. But no date has yet been fixed for the resumption of the conference of leaders of nine Lebanese factions, whose initial gathering lasted five days, the spokesman said. He was commenting on a Swiss newspaper report that the talks would resume

Reagan today

TORONTO (R) - Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau will take his round-the-world peace crusade to a superpower for the first time Thursday when he flies to Washingtoo for talks with President Reagan. Seeking support for his disarmament campaign, he has visited six West European capitals as well as Tokyo. Peking and the Commonwealth summit in New Delhi in the past two months.

Gromyko expects return of detente

HELSINKI (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was renewal of detente. Several Finnish newspapers quoted Mr. Gromyko as telling this to Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vaeyrynen, who is on a visit to Mos-

American executed for 1979 murder

31-year-old American was executed in Louisiana state penitentiary early Wednesday for murdering a supermarket guard during a 1979 robbery, a prison spokeswoman said. Robert Williams was the 10th person sent to the electric chair in the United States since the supreme court reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

Iran tries 6 more 'Communists'

TEHRAN (R) - Six more men accused of belonging to the out-lawed Communist Tudeh Party's spying and aiming to topple the Islamic republic, the national news agency IRNA said.

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Massive New Jersey guns brought into action

U.S. battleships open fire on Syrians again

BEIRUT (Agencies) — American warships Wednesday shelled Syrian positions in the mountains northeast of Beirut for the second successive day, and Damascus said Syria would respond with force to attacks on its positions in Lebanon.

For the first time, the U.S. batdeship New Jersey was brought into action when it fired its massive 16-inch guns at Syrian pos-

A U.S. Marine spokesman in Beirut said the 45.00(1-ton battleship, sailing off the Lebanese coast, opened fire in "defence of a tactical air reconnaissance mis-

The New Jersey's nine 16-inch guns can hurl one-ton shells at a distance of 32 kilometres.

The spokesman was unable to say how many rounds were fired by the New Jersey, the world's last active battleship, or how long the bombardment lasted.

to have joined in the bombardment, the second shelling of Syrian anti-aircraft positions io the mountains in two days, he

three U.S. warships opened fire Wednesday on Syrian positions.

fire around the north Lebanese

city of Tripoli Wednesday, Leb-

Arafat aides, awaiting eva-

State-run Beirut Radio said two

Lebanese soldiers were wounded

wben a mortar round landed on a

sentry post at the officers' club in

In the Qubbch area, Palestinian

rebels and loyalists were fighting.

at close quarters, the radio added.

rise to rumours that Israeli gun-

boats were shelling for the third time in 24 hours. Palestine Lib.

eration Organisation (PLO) off-

the rumours.

icials and security sources denied

The gunboats attacked twice

Tuesday afternoon and evening.

hitting Palestinian guerrilla pos-

itions in the port and on the coast.

The fighting immediately gave

cuation from the city after a

month-long siege, said the shelling started just after dawn and sto-

anese security sources said.

pped about an hour later.

No other warships were known

clash again in Tripoli

opponents of Palestinian leader leave as soon as Greek ships arr-Yasser Arafat exchanged artillery ived to take them to Tunis and

North Yemen.

But state-ruo television said The New Jersey arrived off

ising off Beirut. But its big guns had not previously been brought

On Tuesday, the guided missile destroyer Tattnall and the cruiser Ticonderoga fired at least 35 fiveinch shells after two F-14 aircraft from the carrier Independence were fired on.

A Reuter correspondent who drove past Syrian positions in the mountains Wednesday said she saw clear signs that the naval bombardment was accurate.

Fresh craters were clearly visible as close as a metre from antiaircraft guns dug deep into the

The correspondent was unable to get close enough to see if there had been any direct hits. Syrian anti-aircraft gunners in camouflage uniforms could be seen at of U.S. military escalation against the alert in firing positions in a Syria." wood beside the road.

Tuesday's naval bombardment was the first since Dec. 4, when two U.S. warplanes were shot Lebanoo in late September and down to a 28-plane bombing raid has lately been clearly visible cru- on Syrian positions. Arafat loyalists, rebels

The process bas been held up by

U.N. backs call for Mideast BEIRUT (R) - Supporters and fat loyalists would be ready to

conterence

Wednesday's bombardments

came as anti-government Druze

and Shi'ite forces exchanged she-

liftre with the Lebanese army in

Beirut's southern suburbs and

areas further south of the city.

killed, security sources said.

Two soldiers and a civilian were

Lebanese sources said shells fell

close to the headquarters of Bri-

tain's 110-man contingent to the

Beirut multinational force, but a

close enough to worry us. We're continuing as normal."

Syrian response

Wednesday that Syria would res-

pond with force to U.S. attacks

against its positions in Lebanon.

force and will not be intimidated

by warplanes or gun shellings and

is capable of inflicting harm on the

aggressors more than they exp-

Commenting on the U.S. she-

lling of Syrian positions Tuesday, the radio said: "This new agg-

ression comes within the context

"If the Americans hope to score

a victory through the naval force

after the failure of the airforce.

they will discover that the Syrian

position cannot be changed," it

ect." it said in a commentary.

'Syria will respond to force by

Israel's refusal to give a com-mitment not to attack the ships. UNITED NATIONS (R) - The U.N. General Assembly has endorsed a call for an international Saud meets Assad peace conference on the Middle Meanwhile in Damascus, Saudi East involving the Palestine Lib-Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al eration Organisation (PLO), the United States and the Soviet Faisal met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and discussed the sit-Union.

uation in Lebanon, the official The vote was 124 to four with Syrian News Agency, SANA. 15 abstentions Tuesday night. The resolution also requested

SANA quoted Prince Saud as Secretary-General Javier Perez de saying he delivered a message Cuellar to make urgent prefrom King Fahd to President Assad dealing with current devparations for the conference in consultation with the Security elopments in the Arab World and Council and report by March the Middle East.
The meeting Wednesday with
Prince Saud was Mr. Assad's first 1984.

The idea of such a meeting to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute with a visiting official since he was was one of the main rectaken ill last month. Official repommendations of a controversial orts said he underwent an ope-U.N. conference on Palestine held in Geneva in the summer.

U.S., Israeli boycott

Israel and the United States boycotted that gathering and observers said there was virtually no chance they would agree to attend a Middle East peace conference of the kind proposed.

Among guidelines for the new conference, the resolution pro- military ruler Hossain Mohposed the attainment by the Pal- ammad Ershad Wednesday relestinian people of its "legitimate eased about 200 political det-inalienable rights" including the ainees in a bid to hold talks with right to "establish its own ind- his opponents early next month. ependent state in Palestine."

Israel, the United States. Australia and Canada voted against the resolution while Belgium, Britain, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, West Germany, Joeland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands. New Zealand. Norway and the Solomon Islands

His Majesty King Hussein and French President Francois Mitterrand

outside the Elysee Palace before their talks Tuesday (A.P., wirephoto)

King, Cheysson review Mideast, bilateral ties

AMMAN (J.T.: — His Majesty Foreign Minister Marwan Al King Hussein Wednesday held Qasem and Jordanian Ambtalks with French External Affairs assador to France Hani Kha-Minister Claude Cheysson, the sawneh, Petra said. Jordanian News Agency. Petra. reported from Paris.

Jordanian-French relations, Petra

King Hussein and Mr. Cheysson orts for peace in the Middle East.

the agency added.

King Hussein arrived in Paris Monday and on Tuesday he dis-The talks covered latest Middle cussed with President Francois East developments and Minerrand latest developments in the Middle East and bilateral rel-

Later on Wednesday, King also reviewed France's role in eff- Hussein received at his residence in Paris French Defence Minister Charles Hernu and discussed The King's meeting with the Jordanian-French relations, Petra

continuing to rescue victims bur-

After Monday's bombings in

Kuwaii, whose targets included

the U.S. and French embassies.

Kuwait airport and other Kuwaiti

installations. Iraq blamed Iran and

At least six people were killed in

warned it would retaliate.

ied under rubble.

French minister was attended by said.

Rumsfeld briefs British spokesman said: "It's not Prince State-run Damascus Radio said

Hassan on results of talks

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. the Regent, Wednesday conferred with U.S. President Reagan's special Middle East envoy. Donald Rumsfeld, who briefed him on the outcome of his recent tour of Middle East and Arab Gulf countries. the Jordanian News Agency. Petra, said.

It was Mr. Rumsfeld's second visit to Jordan since his appointment last month.

Mr. Rumsfeld also met with Lebanese opposition Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Jun-blatt, who is currently in Amman. Reuters said.

Mr. Junblatt discussed with Mr. Rumsfeld the situation io Lebanoo and national reconciliation efforts launched after a Geneva meeting last month.

U.S. envoy in Syria

Mr. Rumsfeld, who arrived from the Gulf earlier Wednesday. later left Amman and Reuters reported his arrival in Damascus. Syrian news agency SANA said Mr. Rumsfeld was met at Dam-

ascus airport by a protocol official from the Foreign Ministry. Informed sources said he was expected to meet Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Iraqi missiles hit Iranian towns in retaliation to Kuwait bombings BAHRAIN (R) - Iraq launched the raids were in retaliation aga- one person in Behbahan. It said insi "crimes against brotherly 100 people were wounded in

missile attacks on five southwest Iranian towns Wednesday, and first reports from Iran said 17 people had been killed and more than 200 wounded.

A military spokesman in Bag-hdad said the raids were against "chosen targets" in the towns of Dezful, Andemeshk, Behbehan. Nahavand and Ramhormoz and had been carried out by the Iraqi air force and ground-to-ground missile forces.

In Tehran, the national news agency IRNA said the attacks were launched at 5.37 p.m. (1407

The Iraqi spokesman quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said

countries" - a reference to Mon- Andemeshk, where efforts were day's bombings in Kuwait for which Iraq has blamed Iran. Tehran has denied any involvement in the bomb attacks aga-

inst the U.S. and French embassies and other targets in Kuwait. which backs Iraq in its 39month-old war with Iran. The Iraqi spokesman said Wednesday's attacks were also in ret-

of all initiatives to settle the conflict peacefully.

aliation for Iranian shelling of the bombings and more than 60 Iraqi border towns and rejection injured. Kuwait borders on Iraq and.

like the other Arab Gulf states. IRNA said Wednesday's Iraqi has supported the Iraqis in their attacks killed 10 people in Ram- 34-month-old Gulf war against hormoz, six in Andemeshk and Iran.

flat. No-one saw a second person

and it seems highly unlikely there

was." one diplomat told Reuters.

U.S. embassy, and half a dozen

other bombs in Kuwait around the

same time, the Kuwaiti authorities

sources said Wednesday.

As a result of the attack on the

Kuwait blast victims unidentified KUWAIT (R) - Two of the five working mostly in the nearby truck, he must have been lying

victims of Monday's bomb attack ambassador's residence. on the U.S. embassy here have still not been identified but one is believed to be the driver of the U.S. Marines responsible for its explosive-laden truck, diplomats said Wednesday.

remaining victim was an American visitor to the embassy but it was thought more likely that he was a local construction worker employed in the embassy compound, they added.

The three identified dead were all non-American employees of the embassy, the diplomats said.

The main embassy buildings were still unusable after the blasts but the embassy reopened for bus-administration building. iness Wednesday with staffers

The embassy has not brought in

any reinforcements for the six internal security, the diplomats All American staff at the sea- They said that at the time of

front embassy have been accounted for, the diplomats said.

Monday's attack, only one Marine have begun a sweep against illegal was on duty inside the entrance of residents in the Gulf state, reliable It could not be ruled out that the the chancery and that the Kuwaiti security guards at the gate of the compound did not fire at the bomb truck as it crashed through.

Lone attacker'

The diplomats said eyewitnesses were convinced the driver was alone in the truck, whose explosives and gas cylinders devastated the embassy's three-storey

"If there was anyone else in the on people entering Kuwait.

Wednesday lifted travel restrictions imposed on Middle East nationals after the blasts, official sources said.

Meanivhile, the authorities

In the aftermath of the six explosions the authorities banned Palestinians. Iraqis. Iranians. Jordanians. Lebanese and Syrians from leaving the country. Tight security checks were also imposed

Evren pledges backing for government ANKARA (R) - Turkish Pretory in last month's general ele- sense that you are not faced with

sident Kenan Evren said Wednesday he would support the government of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, provided it worked for the good of the country.

General Evren, who led the

1980 military coup, told cabinet ministers he would not hesitate to speak out loud if he felt the government was "looking at things

from a party point of view." Mr. Ozal, who led the Conservative Motherland Party to vic-

Government officials said about

Gen. Evren told the ministers

the coup.

prime minister since the coup Tuesday when Gen. Evren ratified his cabinet list. He took over from retired Admiral Bulend Ulusu, was appointed

he would support the government "as long as it did things for the good of the country."

"Although you are lucky in the

ctions, became Turkey's first the pre-coup days' terrorist activities and you are now living in peace in this country, there are several economic problems you have to tackle," he said.

The new government's pro-gramme will be read in parliament by the military rulers shortly after on Monday and after a debate it is expected to face a vote of confidence on Dec. 23.

British press condemns Turkey,

Bangladesh releases political detainees

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh's assinated President Sheikh Muj-The move follows Lt.-Gen. Ershad's initiative launched at the weekend to set up talks with his

120 people were freed from prison The freed detainess include in Dhaka and 80 more in other Professor Muzaffer Ahmad. leaparts of the country. der of the National Awami Party. Invitations to opposition leathe officials added.

ders for formal talks with-Lieutanant-General Ershad will Earlier. Lt.-Gen Ershad ordbe issued next week and the discussions are expected to start in the first week of next month, they ina Wazed. daughter of ass-

opponents to hasten the return to democratic government after 19 months of military rule.

ered the release of four women politicians, including Sheikh Has-

ibur Rahman and Begum Khaleda Zia, widow of another slain president. Ziaur Rahman.

Officials said a toral of 200 people were held following disturbances last month in which six people died and about 500 injured, but opposition leaders put the number of arrests at 400.

Lt.-Gen. Ershad reimposed restrictions on political activity after the unrest and placed Dhaka and the country's main port of Chittagong under curfew.

While most analysts agreed that Mr. Nakasone's Liberal Dembe the largest group in the 511seat house of representatives, interest centred on the critical size of

the majority.

Capture of 270 seats or more

Fewer seats would progressively weaken government control over 18 key standing committees of parliament and open the door for opposition obs-

circulation newspapers differed on the size of the majority. Yomiuri Shimbun predicted the LDP would give what is regarded as a would secure between 265 and

270 seats, giving a stable, or nearstable majority.

A poll in the Mainichi Shimbun said the LDP could lose up to 25 of the 286 seats it now holds in the house. This would give the party 261 seats which could be an unc-

Both polls agreed that the overall opposition looked like increasing its strength, especially the Buddhist-based Komeito Party whose "clean government" campaign seems to be attracting sup-

port from voters disenchanted by the Lookhoed bribery scandal.

Former Prime Minister Kakeui Tanaka was convicted last October of accepting a \$2 million bribe from the U.S. Lockheed

Some LDP factions remain out-raged by the scandal. One of the faction leaders, former Premier Takeo Miki, has threatened to work against Mr. Nakasone if the LDP polls less than the stable level of 270 seats.

Spanish Communist congress opened

MADRID (R) — Deep divisions inside Spain's Communist Party (PCE) surfaced at the opening of a five-day national congress here Tuesday as delegates split their votes in the first tests of strength.

A total of 415 of the 809 del-

egates voted for the presiding committee proposed by Secretary General Gerardo Iglesias with 42 against and 284 abstentions. The number of abstentions was even higher in a second procedural

"It's going to be a very close call." party spokesman Andreu Claret told reporters.

The congress, meeting to work out a strategy to revive the fortunes of the once powerful Spanish Party, is broadly divided between supporters of Mr. Iglesias. who is committed to greater internal democracy and Eurocommunism, and backers of former leader Santiago Carrillo

who favour a harder line. Mr. Iglesias, 38, who took over the leadership from Mr. Carrillo a year ago following an electoral rout in which the party lost a mil-

niticant gesture to militants who argue that the party has strayed too far from Moscow, he made no mention of Afghanistan or Pol-

Nakasone's party may end up with lower majority

TOKYO (R) — Opinion polls Wednesday showed the government of Prime Minister Yasservative. pro-western LDP. uhiro Nakasone heading for a win by an uncertain margin in Japan's general election on Sunday.

ocratic Party (LDP) would again

truction of legislation.

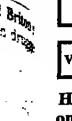
Polls conducted for two mass

omfortably thin margin.

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icy and appealed for unity.

lion votes, defended his open pol-He said that no one could seriously question the Eurocommunist doctrine of ind-ependence from the Soviet Union but, in what was seen as a sig-



for Lebanon talks

Trudeau meets

in Montreux next Monday.

quoted Wednesday as saying he expected next month's European disarmament conference in Stockholm to provide a new opening which would eventually lead to the

ANGOLA. Louisiana (R) - A

secret military wing went on trial in Iran Wednesday charged with

- itions for potential attacks in Lebanon, page 2
- with Namibia peace eff
 - onciliation process begun in Gen-

Gemayel of continued role LONDON (R) — Prime Minister to convince Mrs. Thatcher to keep Britain's contingent in the peace President Amin Gemayel Wed-

British premier assures

Arafat spokesman Ahmad PLO says Libyan-backed Africans

Abudirahman said the 4,000 Ara- are among rebel forces, page 2

ayel told Mrs. Thatcher of his effential task of seeking national recosciliation, official British sources Britain supports his efforts to restore Lebanese sovereignty. independence and territorial integrity. Mrs. Thatcher told Mr. Gemayel, who arrived in London

nesday Britain will continue to

support his government in its ess-

icial visit.

Mrs. Thatcher, under pressure in parliament to withdraw the 110-man British contribution to the four-nation peacekeeping force stationed in Beirut, said last week Britain would not lead a strategic retreat from Lebanon.

Tuesday night for a two-day off-

Beirut as long as they are useful. she said. Government sources said there ts no time limit on the troops' presence in Lebanon but they could not remain there indefinitely and Britain wants Mr. Gemayel's administration to get on with the rec-

British troops will remain in

Before leaving Beirut for Lou- Seven hurt in Beirut church attdon Mr. Gemayel said he wanted acks, page 2

force alongside those of the United States. France and Italy. British sources said Mr. Gem-

ration in mid-November.

orts to advance the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon except those there at the invitation of his government. He also described efforts to further the reconciliation process and

restore his government's authority throughout the country, they said The Lebanese leader made clear the importance he attaches to British support and the key peacekeeping role of the British contingent.

talks and luncheon with Mrs. Thatcher were the British foreign and defence secretaries, Sir Geo-ffrey Howe and Michael Hes-Afterwards he met Oueen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. The Lebanese president had a separate meeting with opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock

Also present at Mr. Gemayel's

spokesman, Denis Healey.

and with the party's foreign affairs

U.S. draws up list of targets in Lebanon for potential retaliation

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. military strategists have drawn up a list of targets in Lebanon for potential retaliatory strikes in case of attacks on American forces there, Defence Department officials said.

They said Tuesday's retaliation by naval gunfire for missile and anti-aircraft attacks on U.S. reconnaissance planes was an example of this "retaliatory planning."The officials said the list of potential targets included Syrian SAM [surface-to-air) missile sites and other firing positions. concentrations of hostile forces and other militarily significant

The targets have been drawn up over the past several months from regular F-14 reconnaissance attacked from the same Syrian-

7 wounded in bomb blasts at Beirut churches

BEIRUT (R) - Seven people were wounded when two bombs exploded in West Beirut in the tirsi atracks againsi Christian chu-

The first bomb went off on the steps of the Catholic Church of Saint Mary and Paul, blowing out a stained glass window and wreeking pews, and the other at a Syriae church in the Museitbeh district of Beirut.

Korean leader raps attacks in Kuwait

SEOUL IR; - South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan has condemned the series of bomb blasts in Kuwait and called on the international community to help prevent a recurrence of international terrorism. a presidential spokesman said.

In Tuesday's retaliation, the guided-missile cruiser Ticonderoga and the guided-missile destroyer Tattnall fired 35 five inch shells on the hills east of Bei-

Hammana, the officials said. Pentagon officials said the two F-14s fired on returned safely to the carrier Independence. They did not say whether there was any damage to the missile and antiaircraft sites.

rut, about 11 kilometres north of

Officials said the aircraft were occupied area from which an attack was made on U.S. F-14s on Dec. 3.

The United States responded to that attack the following day with a raid by 28 A-6 and A-7 attack

Pentagon officials said firing positionn were hit in that retaliatory strike and called it a success. But two U.S. planes were lost, one pilot killed and one captured by Syrian forces. A third crew member was rescued.

Officials said the policy of listing potential retaliatory sites was standard procedure and the chief purpuse of the almost daily F-14 reconnaissance flights.

They said the Pentagon had no priority on targets. leaving the choice to the commander of U.S. forces in Lebanon on the basis of the attack on the U.S. forces.

from Chad and were recruited by

Libyan leader Muammer Oad-

haffi, who told them they were

being sent to Lebanon to fight Isr-

aeli occupation forces. He added

the captured men would soon be

sent back to their countries.

PLO claims Libya sent Africans to battle it He said the troops were mainly

HARARE (R) --- The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has captured Africans who were sponsored by Libya to fight against it in Lebanon, a senior PLO official said Wednesday.

Salmane Elherfi, adviser on African affairs to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, told Reuters the PLO last month captured about 5.0ti() African troops assisting Palestinians who are fighting Mr. Arafat in the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli.

El Al halts unholy flights

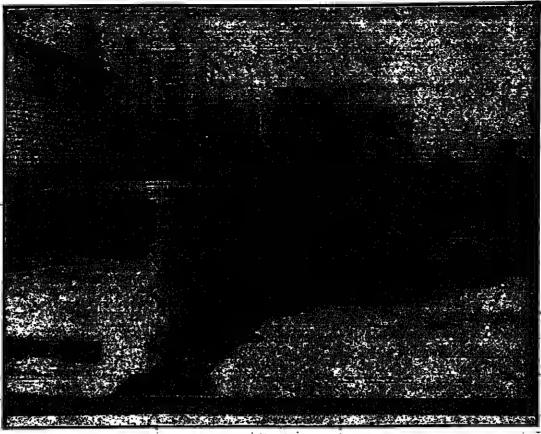
Nverere.

TEL AVIV (R) - Israel's national airline El Al Wednesday gave in to pressure from ultraorthodox rabbis who demanded pilots stop flying over occupied Jerusalem's temple Mount because overflying the holy site contravenes Jewish religious law.

An airline spokesman_said pilots who occasionally veered from

their usual flight paths to give passengers a better view of the site had been told to stay strictly on COUTSC.

Orthodox rabbis complained the overflights contravened a religious law which bans Jews from crossing the mount - sacred as site of the Biblical temple of King



This is the scene following the explosion which wrecked the French embassy in morning (A.P. wirephoto)

Oil from Greek tanker threatens Gulf

DOHA (R) - Thick oil patches have been sighted in the Gulf. southeast of a capsized 38,915 gross ton Greck tanker, and are moving towards the coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a senior port official said Wednesday.

Dohá harbour master Galoum Mr. Elherfi is in Zimbabwe to Gankeer told Reuters: "A sheen brief Prime Minister Robert Mugabe on the Middle East conflict has been seen covering a wide area northeast of the tanker (the Perand will leave Thursday for Tanzania to meet President Julius icles) and southeast of it, thick patches of oil have been spotted six miles (9.6 km) from the Bunduq oil field."

Fire broke out in the engine room and living quarters of the Pericles on Friday when it was sailing from Umm Said Port. 40 kilometres south of Doha, laden with 46,000 tons of oil.

Mr. Gankeer said there was no pollution threat so far to Qatar's shores. Experts expect the oil patches to move towards the unimhabited tiny island of Dayyina. near Bundug, he said.

Israel defends terms of November prisoner swap

terms on which the swap was arrangements."

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said in Genova several detainees exchanged for six Israeli soldiers were held back from the swap.

An Israeli defence ministry hange.'

TEL:AVIV (R) - Israel insisted press statement said "Israel adhit had carried out the prisoner ered to the agreement and carried" exchange last month in good faith it out in good faith despite the and said it will not change the heavy pressure in fulfilling the

> "If in the course of the exchange some marginal errors were-made. Israel is not prepared to change anything in the terms or in what was carried out in the actual exc-

U.K. press condemns Turkey

racter of an ally's government is which had reached such alarming judged by its ability to manage without repressive methods, the London Times said Wednesday in a commentary on the return of civilian rule in Turkey.

"If the number of people detained for political reasons inc- Amnesty International. reased vastly after the military int -: . . "Many of those still imprisoned ervention of September 1980, that the Turkey for political reasons, the Afghan army's 18th division he was misusing its funds in a strwas justified in the eyes of most - have not even been accused of terTurks by the need to stamp hard rorism," it said.

LONDON (R) - The true cha- on the terrorism of left and right proportions in the last months of civilian rule." the paper said.

"But that argument cannot justify the continued and systematic use of torture, evidence of which has been carefully collected by

Islamic body to chart model science plan

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-UI-Haq has opened a meeting here of a 20-nation committee which he said would chart a model science plan for Islamic countries.

- Gen. Zia. who heads the committee on scientific and technological cooperation of the 42-nation Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) told reporters the plan would be sent to the OIC summit next month in Casablanca. Morocco.

He gave no details of the plan but said it would envisage a pro-

gramme to bring the Islamic countries closer to advanced countries in science and technology by the end of this century.

The committee, during its three-day meeting here, is to discuss recommendations of two commissions that it set up last May to explore possibilities of-cooperation between OIC member states. Earlier in a speech opening the meeting. Gen. Zia said scientific

activities should be promoted through science clubs, science fairs.

exhibitions, museums and expeditions and by setting up centres of excellence in selected areas and disciplines. He said the educational system, starting from primary level, should become the mainspring for achieving this transformation and national languages should serve as a vehicle for mass production of

textbooks, science fiction and other reading material. Gen. Zia said he strongly felt that the task of creating "a scientific ethos and value system in Muslim societies must be taken in hand as a

matter of high priority." He called for a greater contact between the scientists of Islamic countries, and said eminent Muslim scientists working outside the Muslim world should be spotted and attracted to institutions at

- "We must work as a united people for a future in which the positive values of science and the eternal blessings of Islam, including its world view, will achieve an ideal synthesis." he said.

Fighting reported in provincial Afghan cities

ISLAMABAD (R) - Western city of Mazar-i-Sharif. diplomats have reported fighting between Afghan guerrillas and Soviet and Afghan forces in at anniversary of the Soviet iniervention.

The diplomats, citing reports firmed.

Extra-tight security measures in and Afghan army convoys. Kabul have kept the capital calm. they added, but rumours have started to circulate of another guerrilla attack on Dec. 27 to mark the fourth anniversary of Mos-

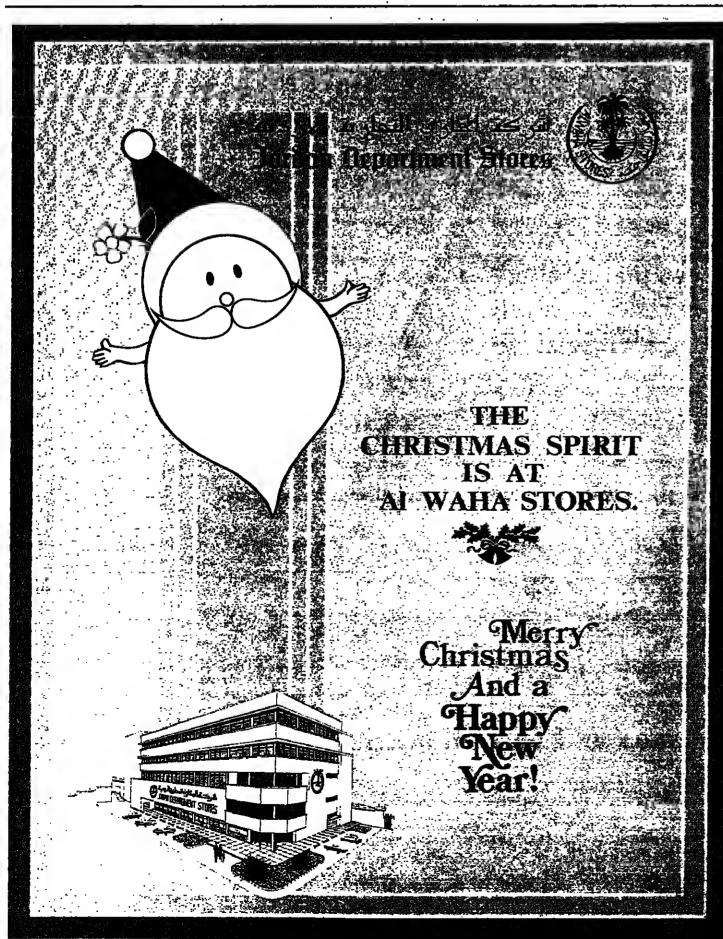
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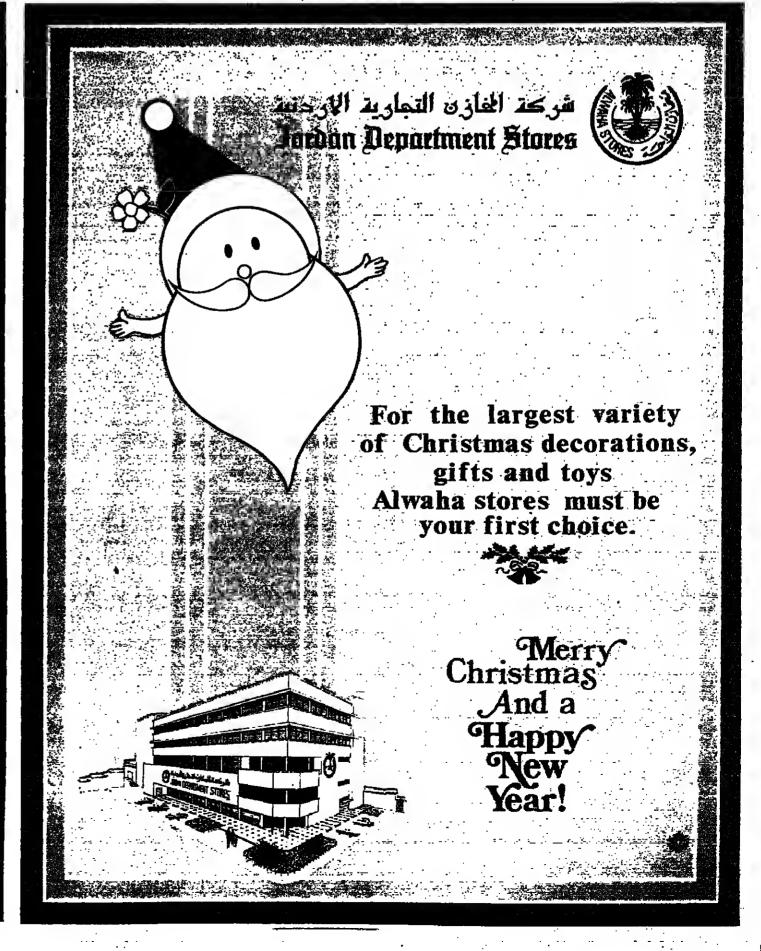
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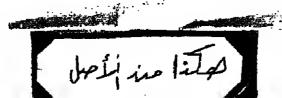
They said one traveller from from their embassies in Kabul. Ghazni to Kabul reported seeing a said they had heard of clashes in large number of burned out Mazar-i-Sharif, Ghazni, Kan- trucks, tanks and armoured perdahar and Herat. The reports sonnel curriers along the road. could not be independently con- apparently the result of a recent wave of guerrilla attacks on Soviet

About 20 Soviet and Afghan soldiers were killed in fighting in the southern city of Kandahar

around Dec. 5. Meanwhile the leader of the main resistance alliance fighting the Soviet-backed government of assies reported the chief of staff of Afghanistan denied a charge that







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E. Med environmental health talks | Gala to reassess research priorities

By Afifah A. Kaloti Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Eastern Mediterranean Regional Conference on Environmental Health will be held here from Dec. 18 until 22 at the Ammon Hotel.

The conference, which will be opened by the Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas, is being organised by the ministry in tandem with the World Health Organisation

In an interview with the Jordan Times the conference's chairman of the preparatory committee. Mohammad H. Dajani, said that the conference will be attended by international experts in the field of environmental health in addition to environmental specialists representing around eight countries in the Eastern Mediterranean reg-

Asked about the aim of the conference. Mr. Dajani, who is also chief of the Environmental Health Department at the ministry, said that it is basically to revise present conference, Mr. Dajani said that needs and consumption." Department at the ministry, said

research projects in environmental health with special emphasis on studies connected with public water utilities, sanitation and nutrition in "conformity with WHO's plans to provide water, sanitation, and pri-mary health services to all by the year 2000."

Another aim, be added, is to assess the adaptability of tec-. hnology that is being employed and to define priorities for solving problems which are facing member states represented at the con-

A third aim, Mr. Dajani said, is to state the aims of the proposed research -projects as well as to draw up a protocol that will pave the way for the launching of joint priority studies.

Mr. Dajani added that the conference will propose the most suitable venues for conducting research, and draw up special guidelines for a regional plan of act-

the ministry will present one paper

covering two topics.

The first topic, he said, deals with environmental health in Jordan while the second is about the possibilities of research in envronmental health activities.

"Jordan will volunteer its research resources to participate in any future regional project," he

Mr. Dajani pointed ont that the conference will discuss the possibility of establishing a regional environmental centre to help member states "in accumulating information and knowledge about solving, and treating envfronmental problems to suit the needs and objectives.

In respect to recommendation to be made by the conference, Mr. Dajani said that it might include an outline of standards and techniques necessary "to achieve a better approach towards utilising environmental resources for the optimal satisfaction of human

> The clothes range from a traditional 200-year old bedouin gown from Asir in Saudi Arabia to modern costumes.

The evening will end with a gala

The money is being donated to World for its projects in child hea-

more than £1 million in Arab countries on similar projects.

to raise money for relief fund

AMMAN (J.T.) — Princess Anne. daughter of Queen Eli-zabeth II of Britain, who is pre-sident of Save the Children Fund. will be guest of honour at an Arab Gala scheduled to be held Wednesday night at London's Savoy

The event is being organised by Save the Children Fund and is the brain child of the wives of the Arab ambassadors in London, through the Emergency Relief Fund Committee of their Arab Women's Council.

It was inspired by Princess Anne's visit to Lebanon in 1982. The highlight of the evening will be a fashion show of priceless Arab costumes and Jewellery dating back to the eighteenth century. More than 70 costumes will be

shown, culled from private collections and from the museums of 6 Arab countries.

A spokesman for Save the Children Fund says that £20,000 is expected to be raised by the event, the fund for its work in the Arab

lth, welfare and education. Last year the organisation spent

Debate stresses support for industry

AMMAN — The need to create an atmosphere which encourages local investment and to protect Jordan's infant industry as a means of strengthening. and developing the country's economy were two important points emphasised by National Consultative Council (NCC) members during the debate over the 1984 budget last Sunday.

which intend to duplicate com-

modities already manufactured in

order to ensure a variation of

the Budget Department, however.

told the Jordan Times that enc-

ouraging national industry is a

major objective of the gov-

Yet he pointed out that banning

He explained that imposing a

'The existence of similar for-

eign goods in the market provides

an incentive for local prinducers to

Meanwhile, prime minister ass-

ured the council that the gov-

ernment intends to affect changes

in customs duty quotas in a man-

ner that supports national ind-

During the Sunday session, sev-

eral members urged the gov-

ernment to encourage the prn-

duction of necessary goods and to

imprave the quality of the com-modities produced," he said.

the import of goods that are sim-

ilar to those manufactured locally

is not the most feasible solution.

high customs duty quota on imp-

orted goods is a better way to sup-

port infant industries.

Mr. Sami Gamo, the director of

commodities in the market.

ernment's economic policy.

Members called on the government to promote investment and simplify the red tape that discourages Jordanians from inv-

esting in productive projects.

NCC member Anis Mouasher called on the government to make Jordan into an industrial and financial regional and international centre. Something, he said, which requires incentives to encourage foreign investments.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran. however, told the council at the end of the Sunday session, that the government will soon introduce a new encouragement of investment law designed to attract Arab capital into Jordan and to encourage joint governmental and private sector investment.

Members pointed out that Jordan's infant industry should be protected from foreign com-

They pointed out that the domestic market is being dumped with foreign commodities that compete with nationally produced goods.

It was suggested that the government should prevent the importation of goods that are similar to the ones produced locally in order to boost national industries. cut the import of luxury com-On the local level, members

said, the government should not "Jordan has become a conallow people to invest in prajects suming society", they noted. The

uld support production and not

consumption.

Dr. Yacoub Abu Ghosh linked the consumption of luxury goods with the growing gap between the rich and poor.

Problems faced by the contracting industry was given special attention by the speakers.

The Jordanian building industry is facing strong foreign competition that threatens its existence, they said. Members reiterated their position that measures should be taken to secure the continuity of this industry.

The relatively high percentage of foreign labourers in Jordan was discussed. It was pointed out that the main reason for an increase in foreign labourers is "the high price of local labourers." Another factor that can be added is that many multinational firms have headquarters in Jordan, members

Studies on the subject show the bulk of foreign labourers work in the contracting and transportation industries. Foreign labour constitutes 30.4 per cent of the total labour force.

Moreover Arab labourers occupy the highest percentage of the total foreign labour force. Sta-tistics indicate that in 1980 Arab workers constituted 77.9 per cent of the total foreign labour force while east Asian workers came next making up 17.5 per cent.

Attention was also called to the infrastructure aspect of industry such as energy projects and tra-

asportation. The 1984 budget allocates JD 146 million, constituting half the capital expenditure, to water and electricity projects and road bui-

members who said that"it will facilitate the establishment of productive projects in different parts of the country."

Members also pressed the government to continue in its projects of looking for oil, minerals and

Studies have indicated that Jordan might have a reservoir of oil and research projects are being persued in this respect.

Mr. Attalah Al Kabariti called on Saudi Arabia to reassess its reported decision to cut on the oil pumped to Jordan as a prelude to permanent cessation of pumping after two years.

To face the situation, he suggested that the government studies the possibility of extending pipe lines between lraq and

Moreover, to activate trade he called on the government to adopt a plan to operate a shipping line that would connect Agaba with Taba on the Sinai Peninsula of

Such a siep will save many hours of travel between the Suez Canal and Agaba it was said.

Ambassador appointed

AMMAN (J.T.) - A royal decree was issued appointing the Jordanian ambassador in the Soviet Union Faleh Al Tawil as nonresident Jordanian ambassador to Finland and Poland and the Jordanian ambassador to Chile Sameh Al Faraj as non-resident Jordanian ambassador to Arg-

Show to mark Alia's 20th birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) - A variety show ference on Alia's 20th anniversary jumbo jets, five TriStar aircraft, will be held at Al Hussein Youth City Thursday evening to mark the 20th anniversary of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline:

At the outset of the show, to be held under royal patronage, Alia board Chairman and President Ali Ghandour will give a speech and distribute certificates of merit to those employees who have completed 20 years of service.

At noon Thursday, Mr. Ghandour will speak at a press con-

outlining the achievements of the national airline over the past year and its programmes and aspirations for the future. Mr. Ghandour is also expected

to announce Alia's decision to purchase new modern aircraft over the next three years.

Alia's board of directors has already approved the airline's corporate budget for 1984. Alia now has three Boeing 747 Wednesday.

six Boeing 727 aircraft and three Boeing 707 jets. The airline flies to 36 cities on four continents.

Alia has opened offices in the Middle East, the Gulf, Africa, Europe, the Far East and North America, and employs 4,700 peo-

This year Alia's revenue amounted to JD 140 million, according to an Alia statement issued

Centre, despite shoestring budget, nurtures talented amateur artists

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Centre for Music and Fine Arts in Shmeisani survives like many other government departments concerned with culture, both here and abroad, on a shoestring budget. Yet despite the fact that its facilities are of necessity limited it provides, as the present exhibition of its student's work now on at the Royal Cultural Centre shows, a good grounding in the basics of art for the many who are interested, and for whom there is often nowhere else to go, and all for free. The centre, which is run by artist Hafiz Khassis aided by muralist and painter Mohammad Qaitoqa and ceramicist and scupltor Mohand many of the 35 students enrolled at present go several times a week to study. The results of this enthusiasm, combined with the encouragement given to the students by the centre's staff, are as this the students' first exhibition in over two years shows, quite imp-

Valuable support

The exhibition obviously impressed Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Ali too, for after opening the exhibition she toured the 160 paintings, prints, drawings and ceramics twice. She then gave the centre some more much needed support first by offering on behalf of the Jordan National Gallery a scholarship for one of the centre's students to pursue further artistic studies in Turkey and then by suggesting that the centre's next exhibition should be held at the Jordan National Gal-

What makes this exhibition impressive is not just the variety of subjects and styles which range from precise anatomical sketches to coil pottery, but the hidden potential some of these little paintings and drawings reveal.

Greatest potential

The artist with the greatest potential must be 14 year-old Nidal Abu Dieh, who was not surprisingly the winner of the Alia children's painting competition last spring. Nidal has been studying at the centre for three years, going almost every day. In that time he has developed his own style backed by an enormous ability to draw and paint, as his copies of the great classic works of Murillo and Durer show. His style is essentially impressionistic catching, in a palette of rich earth lly stands out. browns and sandy reds, riders in. Because the budget of the cenis more realistic portrayal of a labourer digging. Here you can almost feel the weight, the pressure of that wide, bare on top of the spade. You can sense the effort in that

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straining back and bulging calf muscle, while the force of the movement as a whole is given potency by the rushing colours of the background. It is a remarkable achievement for one so young.

Satellite view

Another very attractive work is Abdullah Khaleeli's carefully painted satellite view of the world. In the rich colours of gouash he has represented the earth as a circle alive with swirling hot oranges, reds and yellows, sitting in a night black sky touched with tiny points of light. Covering both and unifying them is a series of white gridded lines which like an indecipherable computer drawing reduces everything to the scientific two dimensions of a print out screen.

Other very good and interesting work includes Kamal Musalam's

little black and white still life. Sawsan Rawwas' tiny rendition of a typical Jordanian village which, from its mountain top perch, overlooks the blue depths of the valley below, Abdul Hamad Ralars striking black and white portrait of an old man and finally Asmahan Mohammad's huge ceramic chick emerging from its shell.

"Among the centre's graduates who have taken part in the exhibition is Mukarram Rifai whose memorable watercolour of a raindrenched street and tiny pastel drawing of a spring-green tree rea-

the desert. His best piece at this tre is minimal, there has been me talk of closing the down due to financial reasons. One look at this exhibition - and this was partly the intention makes it obvious what a terrible shame this would be. It is the only place of its kind in the country and the sheer amount of work produced there alone shows how much the centre is used and needed. Let's hope this is a minor disaster that can be averted.

Most of the work is for sale and at very reasonable prices. The exhibition closes on Saturday December 18.

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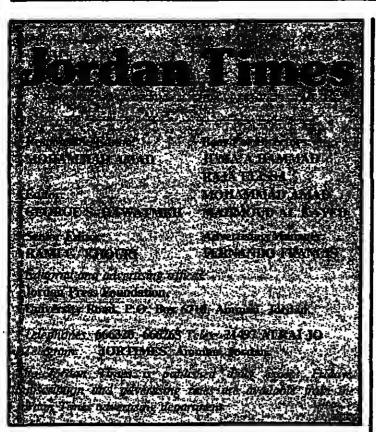
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Alia: The Royal Jordanian Airline



What is the puzzle?

AS PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his men prepare to leave Tripoli, pending the arrival of guarantees that the ships carrying them to Tunisia and North Yemen will not be attacked by the Israelis, Israel wants to keep everybody guessing and nervous about the possibility of such an attack.

Although some Israelis, and others, say that the prospect of Israel Navy boats intervening against Arafat's transports is less than likely, Israeli officials maintain that they will give no guarantees for a safe evacuation for the Palestinians from Lebanon.

Israel is angry that the U.N. has decided to give flag protection to the Greek ships carrying the PLO fighters, according to these officials. Secondly, Israel does not want the Palestinians' heavy weapons to be taken with them. And then the granting of a safe cooduct could, as far as the Israelis are concerned, he turned against Israel in the future and used as precedent. Add to these that Israel is complaining that Arafat "broke" his word by returning to Lebanon after the evacuation from Beirut last August, and you would be expected to understand Israel's present stand.

So, guarantees Israel will not give to assure the safe passage of PLO fighters in the Mediterranean. But will it actually attack them, given that the Americans have "hoped" and "urged" for a safe-conduct, and Israel risks enraging international opinion by firing on the Greek flotilla carrying U.N. flags? Should we believe David Levy, Israel's deputy prime minister, who told Le Monde two days ago that his state "had not the slightest intention of attacking the guerrillas if they evacuated Tripoli by Sea"? Or Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i who was quoted in a speech yesterday as saying "Israel has not given and will not give promises not to hit Arafat and his terrorists at any time or any place?"

The question of Israel keeping up the war of nerves does in fact then pose a dilemma; and whoever thinks that Israel is playing a game with Arafat and his men, and nothing else, should reconsider his position. One thing remains clear though: Israel's pursuit of the Palestinian leader, his men and his movement and Israel's enmity towards them are all too long and too deep to take the whole matter of israeli threats too lightly now.

The dangers of carrying out these threats are indeed real. and should be taken as such. The evacuation from Tripoli, if it is to take place, has to have solid international and Arab guarantees that it would in no way be hampered.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: France has role to play

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein who is paying a visit to France at present, has emphasised the rule which France and the European Community can play in the search for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Europe is now called on to assume an important role in this respect in the light of superpower rivalry and its vital interests in the Arah World. Needless to say. European interests in the region are in grave danger due to Zionist policies as are these of the United States which supports Israel's expansionist and aggressive policies in our region. France has in the past played courageouusolender Charles de

Gaulle in a total inependence from Tast ngton's influence. We would like to see Paris playing a constructive role in bringing peace and stability to our region out of responsibility and in keeping with the close historical ties it has with the Arab World. If tension in the Middle East continues to escalate and if another - war breaks out in the region, there is no doubt Europe's interests will be the first to suffer and of course the world peace will he endangered.

Al Dustour: Bombs bolster Gulf unity

THE ARAB population of the Gulf region have realised that the explosions which occurred in Kuwait Monday were a desperate attempt by Iran to widen the Gulf War's hattleground and spread the fire to the Arahian Peninsula. The governments and parliaments of the Gulf states have unanimously condemned the criminal acts of the Iranians, and the Kuwaitis have wisely and tactfully handled the situation and now have everything under control. The explosions have apparently failed to cause any breach in Arabian Gulf solidarity nor have they been able to shake Kuwait's self-confidence or change its national policies. The explosions have failed to dissuade Kuwaii from supporting fraq in its war with Iran and, if anything, has actually further bolstered Arabian Gulf solidarity.

Those trying to tamper with the security of the Gulf should realise that they are attempting the impossible. The Iranians who perpetrated the explosions should know well that they are continuing to offering to major service to the Arah Nation's enemies and to the foreign nations which have ambitions in our region. Those who play with the fire can never escape the flames.

Sawt Al Shaab: Campaign of intimidation

THE KUWAIT explosions seem to be designed to create internal confusion within the Arab World escalate tension and spread fear among the Arab people.

Those who planted these bombs are engaged upon launching a campaign of inumidation against the Arabs. They are spreading rumours that specially trained terrorist squads are now on the loose striking at vital Arab interests. The enemies of the Arab World are in fact decply involved in preparing plans intended to keep the Arab Nation engulfed in its own troubles and problems so as to forget about the Israeli and Iranian enemies.

These actions can only sap Arab resources and distract Arab attention from the real problems that require solution. The Kuwait bombings are not much different from the attacks on Jordanian diplomats abroad nor from the factional hattles in Lebanon that all these are designed to divert the Arab citizen's attention from the original issue, namely the Palestine problem which is the crux of the whole Middle East issue and the causes of all its ills and sufferings.

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RED AND BLACK

What is going on in Washington?

SO FAR the strategic "arrangements" agreed on by both USA and Israel have not been signed. They are supposed to be discussed further and analysed one month from now. Arab response to this arrangement has thus far been colder than expected. Certain American and Israeli quarters expected an Arab frenzy in response. Now that this has not happened, they are telling the Arabs. "listen. you've got one more month to do something. or else." I doubt that any serious move on the part of the Arabs would actually take place during the intervening

The lack of at least sufficiently emotional and highpitched screams at America are a source of distress to moderate Arabs. This means that the average citizen does not give a "hoot" about what America does with Israel. To the average Arab. USA and Israel are one party. Any hope that is attached to America as a 'fair broker" is outside the realm of reality. This is the point when extremism begins to find exp-ression in different modes, and the shouts to threaten American interests in the area are

There is another dimension of importance which must be

added to the picture here. The American press has been voicing over the last two or three weeks genuine cancern over the oil route through the Strait of Hormuz. The threats of the Iranian regime to escalate the Gulf (alias forgotten) war has finally won the ears of America. Why? The Iraqis occassional bombardment of Kharg Island was meant, inter alia, to arouse Western att-ention to the 40-month old war. Only recently did that traqi appeal come to being heard.

If any lesson is to be derived from this, it is two fold. First. that only through heat will American heed. Second. that American interests are the Achilles' heel. This sad conclusion supports the long standing interpretation of America as seen by Arab radicals. · It is therefore quite logical lo

say that radicalism does not

serve the interests of America

except to the extent that they scare moderate Arabs and make them seek American help - conditional help that if. The danger of this game is that moderate Arabs are coopecative and, if squeezed too much, will identify with Arab radicals as the more popular and safer stance. Americans

have not yet come to grips with

the fact that moderation is the most critical path to take. Such delicateness is also enhanced by American relentless support of Israel. The last - or forthenming - January strategic "arrangements" are the final

If the "strategic" talks is merely a ploy to press upon moderate Arabs to negotiate. n is obviously a miscalculated step. If it is meant to be a serious arrangement to safeguard the "glabal and strategic interests of America" in the area. then it is a ridiculous move. America has been carefully manoeuvred: around by Israel and the Zionists.

Moderate Arabs remembers the lessons derived from the late Egyptian President Sadat's moderation. It is said that Sadat had actually admitted. prior to his assassination, that it took him six months to educate President Ford on the Middle East, three months to educate President Carter, and that it would take him three years to

By Jawad Ahmad

educate President Reagan. Even moderate Arabs believe that America should not be trusted alone with the task of peace negotiation in the area. Is the strategic arrangement America's answer to that? What on earth is going on in Washnington these days?!

S. Korea angry at West's coolness to 'North terror'

By Roland-Pierre Paringaux SEOUL — How does one "pun-ish" a government (North Korea) which has committed an act of international terrorism against another government (South Korea) when there are absolutely no diplomauc relations between the two? What does one do when the government concerned remains idolatry, while the Communist among them France, flout the principles they are first to proclaim and keep silent after having initially - when the guilty party had not yet been named - condemned the killings (in Rangoon) in no uncertain manner and shed official tears over the coffins? What to do when for once, the

like itself and non-aligned?.... These are, in essence, the que-

stions government circles in Seoul are asking bitterly and indignantly after the government of Burma had formally accused North Korea of being responsible for the Oct. 9. terrorist attack which practically wiped out the visiting South Korean presidential delegation. The tensed, clinging to its armed might explosion, triggered prematurely, and wrapped up in its totalitarian spared President Chun Doo Hwan, though he was the prime and non-aligned countries, of target. But it killed 17 members of which it is a leading member, mai- the South Korean delegation lincntain an embarrassed or conniving luding four ministers an ambsilence? And Again, what to do assador and several presidential when some Western countries, advisers) and four Burmese nationals, and injured some 50 others. In a communique issued on Nov. 4. Rangoon also announced it was breaking off relations with community, whereas in fact they do. Pynngyang and expelling all the North Korean diplomats within 48 In spite of Pyongyang's pro-.

inst North Korea, which the South by the dangerous unpredictability absence of individual or group

Korean government had not been; of its ally, the "Great and Beloved expecting because of the political, Leader" Marshal Kim II Sung, countries. Only Great Britain and affinities between the two countries and the political pressures .: came as a pleasant surprise here and somewhat raised spirits which had been particularly affected by the adversary's blows and Seoul's. -economic relations between the inability to respond in most cases. two countries, means are limited without calling on Washington. The Rangoon tragedy, in fact, took place a month after that of the South Korean airliner.

This satisfaction had to be tempered, however, and was of short duration. Confident in the laws and irrespective of partisan affiliations and domestic realities, make them move away from South Korea expected the Burmese government's revelations to have an impact on the world were hardly more than a damp squib. With the North denying the

accusations. Moscow supporting testations of innocence, the out- Pyongyang, and Peking appearing right and unequivocal charge aga- -- to be dismayed and embarrassed

Norway-have condemned the Washington protested and Pre-North Korean regime. Are the sident Reagan took a tough dine and both allies promised to work others waiting for the opening of together to "panish" North the trial (it opened on Nov. 22) Korea. But with no diplomatic or and indirect. There are attempts to bring up the assassination incident in world forums (but not in the U.N. Security Council, because Rangoon is reliably said to be opposed to such a move, after all) pressure by the United States

politically, as both the United States and South Korea would like to Pakisatan and Egypt are said to be prepared to cooperate, Japan has verbally condemned Pyongyang. but practice its "sanctions" are laughable. The biggest

on its allies, friends and clients to

North Korea and help isolate it

and its findings before breaking up? Or are some of them being prevented from waxing indignant because of national interests, and political considerations? Soul government sources deplore in particular France's silence on the subject, and this for three reasons. First, because France, its

government and its president are legalist and generally quite particular about principles". Sec-ondly, because France has itself often been subjected to terrorist acts which it has always vigorously condemned. Finally, and most of all perhaps, because for the past two years the French government and president have been adopting an attitude, considered to be ambivalent, on the question of recdisappointment, however, is the (promised in 1982) of Francois

Mitterrand to Seoul. All this, however, is not preventing France from seeking to further its trade relations with South Korea.

The government's silence, on one side, and Industry and Research Minister Laurent Fabius's planned visit to South Korea (in December) would seem to stem from a dualistic French view of the peninsula, a view that is both political and pragmatic. France made a generous gesture by sending Trade and Crafts Minister Michel Crepeau to the funeral of the Rangoon bombing victims. But it lost this advantage by not speaking up after the guilty party was named. Was this through a diplomatic failure to follow up or because of political embarrassment? We do not know. But the hope is that. after all, when the verdict confirms the Burmese government's accusation, the French government will not miss the opportunity to condemn the ognising North Korea and the visit terrorist state without ambiguity.

Make-believe peacemaking game in Namibia no longer amuses France

By Neil Lewis

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by another state, which is socialist

WINDHOEK, Namibia (South West Africa) - France's decision to step back from joint Western Recent efforts have been stalled efforts to negotiate independence for Namibia (South West Africa) is seen by diplomats and local political leaders as the latest sign that any settlement is far off despite intense diplomatic activity.

Diplomats from the Western of the U.S., France. Britain. West Germany and Canada have said in interviews they agree with the French position that there has been little progress recently towards achieving independence for the region.

"South Africa has made it quite clear it is in no hurry to get out," one diplomat told Reuters.

Pretoria administers the mineral-rich territory in defiance of United Nations resolutions. South Africa's mandate to rule the area was revoked by the General Assembly in 1966 and since then it has waged sporadic bush war against the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) for control of the vast territory. one third bigger than France.

France's decision not to attend meetings of the contact group caused no concern to Namibia's political leaders, left or rightwing. who in recent interviews with Reuters have accepted that ind-

ependence was some way off. The five Western nations formed the "contact group" in 1977 to act as brokers in bringing about an independence settlement.

by South Africa's insistence, backed by Washington, that no settlement or South African withdrawal can take place unless an estimated 25.ti(III Cuban troops depart at the same time from neighbouring Angola.

The other members of the contact group have been notably uneasy over this "linkage" of the two issues, especially in the face of criticism from black Africa that it was merely an excuse to delay Namibian independence.

In an open break. French Extcrnal Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson said last week Paris would attend no more contact group meetings as there was no

longer any point in doing so. Government spokesmen later said France was not withdrawing from the group. but Paris had nonetheless effectively stepped hack from current Western efforts and distanced itself from the linkage issuc.

Nico Bessinger, joint foreign secretary of SWAPO, told Reuters last week SWAPO aimed to

kage and Isolate the United States zone. as the only member which agreed with the South African view on Cuban forces in Angola.

"Then it will he seen that this for a week'al a time. linkage is nothing but an excluse "We have switched from a defand the Americans," Mr. Bessinger said.

Pik Botha, who returned this wcc-thcm." kend from a European tour, repcated Pretoria's insitence that the situation in Angola was inextricably tied to any Namibian settlement.

He told the Johannesburg Sunindependence in Namibia until there was peace in Angola and said "the odds against settlement are largely related to the civil war in Angola, SWAPO and the presence of the Cubans in Angola."

Mr. Botha had lalks with several heads of state and with Chester Crocker. U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs. South Africa maintains a large military force on the Angolan border as it seeks to cripple SWAPO lorecs. A military spokesman said South Africa had up to 5tl,tittl troops in the country at any one time and some 12.000

split the contact group over lin- combat troops in the northern war

Pretoria acknowledges its forces operate freely in southern Angola, crossing the border often

put forward by the South Africans ensive tactic to arrioffensive tactic," the defence force spokesman said. "If we detect SWAPO bases South African Foreign Minister in southern Angola, we go after

Anti-government forces of the union for the total independence of Angola. | UNITA). a South African ally, control much of southeastern Angola.

Some analysts doubt whether day Express there could be no South Africa would quit Namibia and allow U.N. procedures to hring independence even if the Cubans leli Angola,

Few people doubt that SWAPO would win free elections among the country's population of about one million.

As a result, Pretoria has encouraged local political parties to Iorm an anti-SWAPO frant. Some of the territory's varied parties are trying to set up a multi-party conference which could serve as an interim government acceptable to South Africa. Two attempts at intrim government in the last decade

LETTERS

Comforting start to the day

I have just returned from a short business trip to Jordan. It was my first trip to the Middle East. I staved with three other European businessmen at the Amra Hotel in Amman. The facilities at the hotel were first calls and we were received most hospitality. indeed by our Jordanian; hosts.
The reason I write to you is quite simply because I received each.

marning (underneath the bedroom door) a copy of the Jordan Times, printed in English, with the compliments of the management. It always arrived in good time for breakfast and by the time the business day started I was just as up-to-date with the news as I would have been at home in England.

What an excellent idea it is to provide the f this unexpected but most welcome addition to his visit. My culleagues were unanimous in their appreciation of this gesture.

We were all equally impressed with the quality of the newspaper - brief, yet sufficiently comprehensive and objective, well written and to the point, easily and speedily read. Moreover, it is somehow "comforting" for the visitor to be brought up-to-date cach morning with the political news and at the same time to have brief details of "important" domestic events, such as the result of

the Hagler fight and Spurs v Liverpool etc. As far as I am concerned your newspaper provided me each morning with a first class start to the day and you descree every compliment for such constructive courtesy.

> John C. Marshall Wiseman Lee Marshall (Solicitors). 7 High Street, Rayleigh, Essex. England.

The Jordan Times expresses deep appreciation for Mr. Marshall's kind and encouraging remarks about the paper and hopes to be always up to its readers' expectations.



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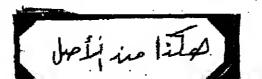
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Planes that capture the hearts of aviation enthusiasts

WASHINGTON - Whether you call them flying bicycles or lawn chairs with wings, ultralight airplanes have put wings on the backs of many people who before could

nnly dream of soaring in the skies. Constructed of aluminium tubing and colourful sailclnth, these back-to-basics flying machines resemble dragonflies in shape and translucence. As many as 20,000

of them are now flying. . .

To fly an ultralight, you don't need a pilot's license or a runway. This simple craft requires as little as 5() feet to take off and land, and is therefore well suited for launch from back yards and pastures. Costing between \$4.500 and \$6.500, the ultralight is also affnrdable to the would-be pilot.

Two flight enthusiasts get an angel's-eye view of Normandy's abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel. The two

are flying in a trike, a transitional air vehicle bet-

ween hang glider and ultralight. Increasing num-

bers of personal aircraft are winging through Eur-

Started in 1907

The fathers of flight, of course, are Wilbur and Orville Wright. but the true ancestor of the oltralight was built in Paris in 1907 by Brazilian Albertn Santns-Dumont. His machine, called the Dragonfly, was constructed of bamboo and silk. weighed 2.3 pounds, had a two-cylinder, 20 horsepower engine, and flew up to speeds of 48 miles an hour. These specifications are common to

today's ultralights.
The creation of the modern ultralight is credited to John Moody of Wisconsin.

"I didn't mean to reinvent the airplane." Moody said. I wanted to fly and have fun."

In March 1975 he rigged a 10-horsepower engine and pro-peller to his hang glider and took flight over a frozen lake. In September of that year Moody made a pioneer 16-mile cross-country flight in his powered hand glider that caught the attention of would-be bird men across the land. Regardless of how humble Moody feels, his invention started

Luis Mardeo, io an article on ultralights in the August issue of National Gengraphic, writes: The truth is that the porentialities of the ultralight, for good or evil. are almost limitless. But the overriding function of the ultralight is to make possible the poetry of flight."

opean skies. More than 50 ultralight designs are

available, and most are sold as kits to be assembled

by owners. Putting one together takes about 40

hours, using only hand tools (National Geographic

The planes also have their dnwn-to-earth functions. In Downey. California, policemen lioked by radio to patrol cars pilot ultralights over the city. These airborne officers can track fug-itives and maintain a bird's-eye

view of the goings-on. Scientists are using ultralights to follow the migrations of butterflies and to study sharks. And farmers also have taken to the wing. Dusting crops from ult-ralights costs 30 per cents per acre about 10 per cent that nf dus-ting with convectional aircraft.

Uhralights have some omioous

Policy in sky

applications as well. In 1981, two Palestinians were captured in Israel. They came from Lebannn by way of powered hang gliders. Enough concern has been gen-erated that the Central Intelligence Agency has asked a leading manufacturer nnt 10 sell the planes to a list of suspicious cha-

Although ultralights do not have to be registered and pilots are not required to be licensed. some regulations do exist for the planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration last year set the following rules to protect the public and the airspace. An ultralight: - May not weigh more than 254 pounds.

- May oot fly faster than 63 miles an hour.

- May not stall at more than 27 miles ao hour.

- May not carry more than five

gallons of fuel. - May not fly at night.

- Musi stay out of controlled airspace.

With safety in mind, many ultralight manufacturers require dea-

and to train owners to fly. The ultralight programme at the Air Safety Foundation is striving for safe flight by registering pilnts and aircraft and setting airworthiness standards. They also have registered 6till pilot examiners.

Model T of the skies

In the lead for producing the flying machine for everynne is Eipper Aircraft near San Diego. Its Quicksilver ultralight is the largest selling and most copied model in the world.

recession proof, even though sales of general aircraft have been cut in

"One month last summer we came within one unit of selling as many aircraft as Piper. Cessna. and Beechcralt combined," said

John Lasko of Eipper. All in all, these miniature planes are capturing the hearts of avi-

ation enthusiasts.

We have tried to reduce human flight to its essence, and I think we have succeeded." Lasko said. - National Geographic news feature.



his Pterodactyl ultralight, a model with tail in front. James Campbell, another Pterodactyl pilot, in 1981 soared in an unofficial record of 21,210 feet (National Georgraphic photn).

Randa Habibs

Ballet and backaches

The Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) theatre is one big achievement of which all of us are proud. Comfortable, excellent accoustics, it is what we truly need in Jordan. However, I have a reservation about the floor of the stage.

All persons who like me, have seen Scala di Milan performance of "Swan Lake" must have been somehow bothered by the tapping noise made by the dancers. This noise is totally in contradiction with the severe atmosphere usually prevailing during ballet performances. Apart from this, the theatre enables music and dance lovers to meet in a small group and enjoy themselves (the seating capacity of the theatre is only 300).

The problem, however, arises when there is a folklaric troupe or a big musical or dancing group that requires a larger audience. In this case the Al Hussein Sports City theatre would be the answer. Yes, but how many amongst us would hesitate to go there just because they are worried about getting back pains sitting on the

This theatre originally designed to be a gymnasinm, is spacinus but very uncomfortable. This is why many people prefer to sit on the stairs. Why couldn't they replace the seats of this theatre?

At first it would be enough to change the seats in the front-rows and replace them by ones similar in the RCC theatre seats. These would of course be more expensive than the others and this would enable the responsible people to collect money.

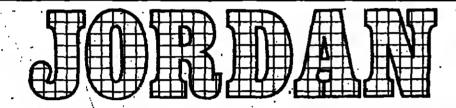
As a second step the back seats can be change and so on until the whole theatre has new comfortable chairs.

In Jordan people are becoming more and more interested in artistic activities and more comfortable theatre seats would surely be appreciated.

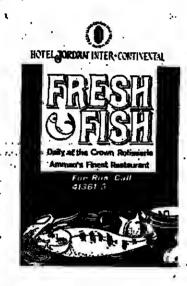
Intellectual powers can grow in old age

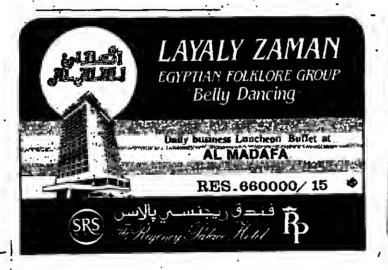
WEST BERLIN - Healthy people remain capable of learning until they are very old. Even after the threshold years at the beginning of the sixties, intelligence can develop and increase. These are the findings of a psychology professor. Paul B. Baltes, and tellow res-carchers at the Max Planck Institute for educational research in West Berlin. They base their finding alter studying about 250 people aged between 60 and 80.

Professor Baltes says the complicated system of human intelligence goes through a constant process of advance and decline throughout adulthood. Everyone, regardless of intellectual starting point, education, age and sex, was capable of improving the intellect until advanced old age - German feature.













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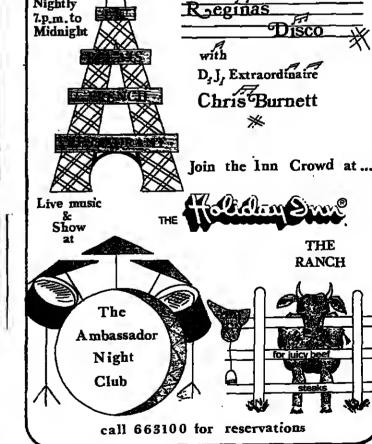
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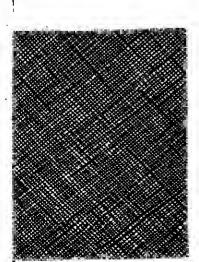
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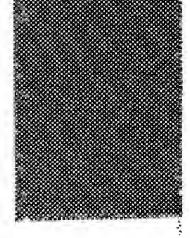
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West Indies routs India

CALCUTTA (R) — West Indies, spearheaded by fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, crushed India by an innings and 46 runs with more than a day to spare in the fifth cricket test on Wednesday and took a winning 3-0 lead in the six-match series.

five remaining wickets Wednesday morning and finished with his best test figures of six for 37 as India, 136 behind on first innings. were routed for 90.

Fellow paceman Andy Roberts took the last wicket to complete India's destruction 22 minutes of-Spain last March. before lunch on the fourth day.

India, who resumed on 36 for five ofter Tuesday's rest day, were all out for their lowest total in 53

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Marshall took four of India's tests against West Indies - the previous worst was 97 at Kingston

Marshall, whose new ball burst with Michael Holding [3-29] on the third day started India's collapse, beat his previous best of five for 37, also against India, at Port-

The sixth and final test starts in Madras on December 24.

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The result was the culmination of a splendid fightback by West

Indies, who left India bitterly reflecting that they let slip a good position.

West Indies were reeling on 88 for five in reply to India's first innings of 241 but recovered to make 377 essentially on the strength of an outstanding 161 not out by their 39-year-old captain Clive Lloyd.

The touring team's fast bowlers swiftly pressed home the advantage, and despite the prospect of any early finish on Wednesday.

It seemed for a while as if the optimism of Calcutta's cricket enthusiasts was justified as the pair held out for almost half an hour before Marshall broke through by beating Shastri for pace and bowling him.

Another seed tumbles in NSW Open

SYDNEY (R) — American Robert Seguso, who quit a tennis coaching school in Florida when he realised he was not being treated as "one of the top guys." beat a second seeded player on Wednesday to win a quarter-final place in the New South Wales (NSW) Men's Open Championship.

He followed his victory over sixth-seeded Australian John Fitzgerald on Tuesday by beating American Tim Gullikson, the 11th seed, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Seguso. 20. one of only two qualifiers left in the tournament, said: "I spent two days of the school of o leading coach in Florida, but 1 found it too regimented and left. If you weren't one of the top guys you never got any real help.

"But I always knew I had the talent to play against the top guys and that's why I decided to turn pro instead of finishing my final year oo the college circuit.'

His form on grass has been remarkable considering his last grass court match before coming to Australia was four years ago in a

Gullikson was one of four seeded players to go out on Wednesday, leaving only five of the original 16 seeds.

junior tournament in the United

The others to be eliminated were Sweden's Henrik Sundstrom, who lost 6-3, 6-4 to Peter Feigl of Austria. competriot Stefan Edberg, who went down 6-4, 6-3 to Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir. and Chip Hooper, who was beaten 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 by fellow-American Lloyd Bourne.

Britain's John Lloyd, conqueror of top-seeded American Vitas Gerulaitis on Tuesdey, did oot have such e rewarding day on Wednesdey. He was beaten 7-6. 6-2 by New Zealander Bruce Der-

Barcelona bids for '92 Olympics

BARCELONA. Spain (R) -Barcelona Wednesday launched its bid to stage the 1992 Olympic Games, hoping that the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' historic voyage to America will clinch the deal.

"We are hoping that the anniversary will swing the vote in our favour," Mayor Pasqual Maragall told reporters when he presented an official working paper on the project.

Barcelona. making its fourth bid to be host for the games, will be competing against Stockholm. Paris, New Delhi and Brisbane. The Olympics have never been held in Spain.

Maragali said he believed Barcelone was already well equipped and could easily manage to build the remaining occessary facilities. The paper drawn up by his administratioo will be presented to the Spanish government for approval before a definitive plan is forwarded to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by December 1985.

The mayor said the cost would total more than I 08 billion pesetas

Barcelona tried for the games is 1924, 1936, and 1972.

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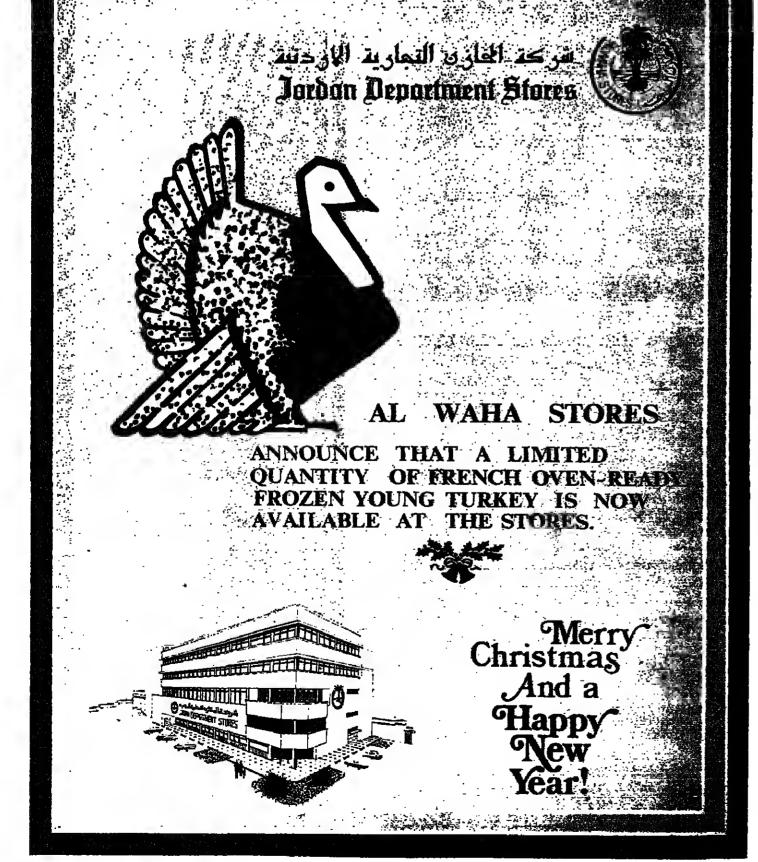
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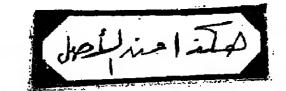
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Dollar holds firm

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Despite some totervention. European ceotral banks appeared wary of squandering their reserves on propping up their ailing cur-

The franc. sterling and the West German mark all came under pressure as the dollar surged ahead against a background of political uncertainty, strengthening recovery in the United States and fears that U.S. mierest rates might

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. The franc slumped more than 7 centimes from the previous low Tuesday of 8.4030, being fixed in

The Bank of England was said to have intervened to smooth the

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Dealers said the West German Bundesbank also intervened in the market, selliog \$47.7 million as the dollar was fixed in Frankfurt at a near 10-year high of 2,7685 marks after 2.7534 Tuesday.

Tuesday's U.S. retail sales figures, which showed a 1.9 per cent rise in November, reinforced the belief that the American economic recovery was accelerating and could put upward pressure on interest rates, they said.

They expect the American M-I money supply figures (cash and cheque accounts) due on Friday to show a rise of between \$3 and \$7

There is some expectation that with the economy booming the Federal Reserve, the U.S. ceotral bank, will decide to tighten money supply in the belief that interest The pound opened at \$1.4180 rates could hardeo without adv-

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Share prices closed easier Wednesday on lack of interest with insurances active following the increased bids for Eagle Star holdings, dealers said. At 1500 hours the F.T. index was down 11.7 at 749.9.

Allianz Versicherung's increased offer of 665p for Eagle Star was topped by a fresh bid of 675p by Bat Industries. Allianz said it maintains a committed interest in the matter which prompted a rally in Eagle Star which closed 2p off at 717 after a low of 699. Other insurances eased.

Government bonds were little changed on balance as sterling rallied slightly and North Americans eased.

BOC moved against the general trend, adding 12p at 276 in response to U.S. demand in a market short of stock, dealers said, Others to firm included Beecham 7p up at 318 and 1CI 4p higher at 654, GEC was 5p lower at 173.

Banks gained between 2p and 5p in reaction to Tuesday's falls. Oils were dull but B.P., Shell and Britoil rallied to close little changed following news that the state owned British North Sea Oil Corp. proposes not to change its North Sea crude oil price in the first quarter of 1984.

Golf shares eased in slack trading, dealers said.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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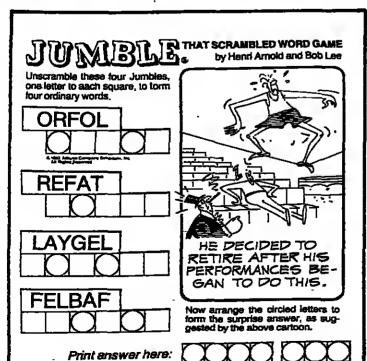
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NEWS IN BRIEF

U.K. industrial output shows slow gain

LONDON (R) - British industrial output is showing a modest advance from recession despite a fall in October, statistics showed Tuesday. Figures from the Central Statisocal Office showed a 0.5 per cent drop in output in October, but the 3 months from August to October showed a 1 per cent gain oo the previous 3 months and a 1.7 per cent rise on 1982. The 3-monthly rise was due mainly to record oil and gas production, up 6.4 per cent in the period, while manufacturing industry showed no change, the office said.

IDB approves \$107 million in loans

JEDDAH (OPECNA) - The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has approved \$107 million in loans and special assistance to member countries. 5 crude oil import deals to Bangladesh. Jordan. Morocco. Pakistan and Turkey have each been allocated \$20 million. The bank also agreed to lend \$5 million to Cameroon for a water supply project and \$1.3 million to Pakistan for a school run by its embassy in Riyadh. A \$7(10.1)(0) graot was approved for the Al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society in Jerusalem.

Iran to abide by OPEC quota

TEHRAN (R) - Iran will not produce more oil than its OPECagreed quota of 2.4 million barrels per day (b/d) despite previous hiots that it would. Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said Tue-

M.E. to get British drinking water

NEWCASTLE, England (R) - A northeast England water authority said Tuesday that it plans to sell drinking water to the Middle East. Gulf states, where seawater for desalination has been polluted by oil spills during the Iran-Iraq war, will be a major market, a spokesman for the Northumbria Water Authority said, An END,000 (\$112,000) pipeline has been built to pump the water from a reservoir in hills near the Scottish border to tankers in a deep berth dock.

GIC to discuss joint ventures

MANAMA (OPECNA) - The Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC) is to meet in Bahrain on Dec. 21 to discuss the organisational structure of joint ventures. Mr. Ibrahim Abdul Karim. Bahraini minister of finance and economy, said Tuesday, Mr. Karim said the two-day meeting would also map out a strategy. including short and long-term plans for regional investment schemes. The corporation, with a capital of \$2.1 billion was set up to diversify the regional economy. He said the corporation was mainly concerned with joint projects and some of its schemes were under study.

Saudis install 200,000 telephones

RIYADH (OPECNA) — The minister of posts, telephones and telegraphs Mr. Alawi Darwish Kayyał, announced here the installation of 200 INM telephones. Mr. Kayyal said Saudi Arabia had also set up 30,000 telex lines. al 5,000 kilometre microwave network with a 50,000 circuit capacity and 3 international satellite stations, together with 2 colour television channels. He said an carth auxial cable and a microwave network were set up to link the kingdom with neighbouring countries, adding that his country was also "playing a vital role" in a 15,000 kilometre marine cable project to connect Southeast Asian countries with Western Europe via the Middle East.

GCC seeks talks with E.C.

RIYADH (R) - Saudi Arabia and its 5 allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council wants talks with the European Community (E.C.) on the sale of petrochemicals and other commodities. Saudi Industry Minister Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al Zamel said. Mr. Zamel told reporters after a two-day meeting of council industry ministers that they wanted equal taxation treatment, noting that E.C. exports to Gulf states generally were tax free. The council groups Saudi Arabia. Bahrain, the United Arab Emirares, Kuwait. Qatar and Oman. Mr. Zamel did not give a possible date for talks with the E.C.

Paris hopes to lift trade with Belgrade

PARIS (R) — France hopes to boost its trading and political links with Yugoslavia during a 3 day visit by President Francois Mitterrand starting Thursday.

Mr. Mnterrand's spokesman Minister Claude Cheysson. For-Mr. Michel Vauzelle said France eign Trade Minister Edith Crewanted to encourage Yugoslavia in its independent role between Delors and Transport Minister East and West and to explore pos- Charles Fiterman, one of four sibilities for expanding commercial and cultural ties.

The French president's visit is the first such high-level exchange between the two countries since Mr. Valery Giscard d'Estaing went to Yugoslavia in 1976 and the late president Tito came to France the following year.

Mr. Minterrand will be accompanied by External Relations

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet ind-

usirial production rose by 4.1 per

cent during the first 11 months of

this year, putting the country on

course for the best annual growth

were ahead of their output targets

in the period from January to

November and the gas industry

registered a particularly sharp inc-

The 4.1 per cent growth rate

indicated that Soviet industry

for 1983 of at least 4 per cent, the

However, some Western eco-

will be artificially inflated by int-

ernal price rises over the past year.

Informed Soviet sources also

said that in real terms the growth

rate was lower, and probably a lit-

Wednesday's figures showed

that Soviet oil output totalled 565

million tonnes during the

January-November period, an

increase of (LN per cent over the

Wednesday, almost all industries ober.

rate for 5 years.

best since 1978.

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same period last year.

report said Tuesday.

refined products 511,000 barrels.

ager Mariella De Gallardo said here.

sson. Finance Minister Jacques

officials said Mr. Mitterrand intference opening in Stockholm next month.

output grows 4.1%

According to a report released said oil production had failed to

by the Central Statistics Board reach the official target in Oct-

should achieve an annual figure production because of the slack

nomic experts have said the figure metres in the January-November

However, oil production in put levels and said agricultural.

November appeared to have fal- equipment factories had not ful-

CARACAS (OPECNA) - Venezuela produced 1.8 million b/d of

crude oil from January to October, an average daily drop of 8,000

barrels over the same period in 1982, an energy and mines ministry

barrels over 1982, with crude accounting for 498,000 barrels and

Daily domestic consumption from January to September was 386.000 barrels. 347.000 of them utilised by industrial and non-

Meanwhile. Venezuela's Corpoven Oil Company has adopted a

plan that would enable it to react rapidly to the dynamics of the oil

market and avoid unforeseen problems, its strategic Planning Man-

Mr. De Galardo said the system would provide scientific inf-

irmation necessary in evaluating the country's oil demand and sup-

commercial consumers and the rest by the petroleum industry.

Exports during the period rose to 1,49 million b'd, up 18,000

len below target for the second filled their delivery obligations.

Venezuelan oil

production drops

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communist ministers in the govemment. Mr. Vauzelle and other French

ends to exchange views with Yugoslav leaders on East-West relations, the Middle East and the European disarmament con-

Soviet industrial

France joined other Western

The report put the monthly

Last month's economic survey

Western economic attaches said

the apparent slowdown could ind-

icate increasing difficulties in obt-

aining oil from some of the cou-

also mean Moscow had cut back

demand on the world oil market.

Wednesday's report said gas trutput reached 487 billion cubic

period, an increase of 7 per cent

compared with the same period

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or in decline for the past 4 years.

key consumer goods industries

had lailed to reach last year's out-

below last year's levels.

industry, with production falling

Coal output has been stagnating

The report showed that some

It also indicated continuing dif-

But they added that it might

output figure at 50 million tonnes.

which was I million tonnes less

than in November 1982.

ntries older wells.

Monetary Fund in giving Yugoslavia aid to overcome its severe financial problems this year.

Mr. Minerrand's talks in Belgrade will probably deal with the prospects for similar multilateral aid in 1984, and also with Yugoslavia's hopes to expand exports to the European Community.

France is Yugoslavia's founh Western trade partner behind West Germany, the United States and Italy, but would like to imp-

rove its position.

During Mr. Mitterrand's visit
the French will be sounding out the chances of selling the European Airbus to Yugoslavia and exporting railway technology and nuclear power stations.

After two days of talks in Belby overnight train to the Slovenian around 10 per cent, by the end of capital of Ljubljana. He returns next year. to Paris on Saturday afternoon.

French inflation slows

countries and the International in France, currently double that of its major trading competitors, is slowing down were welcomed Wednesday by the French finance ministry.

> Provisional figures released by the National Statistics Institute tinsces put the increase in retail prices in November at between 11.4 and 11.5 per cent — nearly half the 0.8 per cent rise in both September and October.

Commenting on the figures the finance ministry said: "This is in line with the slow-down expected at the end of the year.

In the 6 months to November retail price inflation at 4.1 per cent is the lowest for 11 years, excluding government imposed price

The government is pledged to grade. Mr. Mitterrand will travel halve France's inflation rate, now

Tuesday it announced the first in a series of agreements with firms limiting price increases to 4 Meanwhile, signs that inflation to 5 per cent in 1984,

Horoscope from the Carroll Righter institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Put into effect new plans and courses of action, and invastigate facets of ideas and policies that you do not understand. Gal into the nitty-gritty

of plens this evening. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get yourself looking more charming in the morning, than handle personal matters. Improve important money matters.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan Io go after your goals quietly. Show you can keep secrets. Make an appointment aarly for some romanlic inlarluda. Bring flowers, GEMINI (May 21 Io Juna 21) Consult with friends who understand your position. Relax with your mate later. Work

on personal matters secretly. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be speedy with tasks in the morning, but be casual with personal matters. Spend time with friands who understand your sensitivity.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get those ideas in motion and fit them into your career plans. Know what is expected of you from the influential and try to please them, VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are able to deal more

harmoniously with those in business and set a new pace. Find better ways of self expression. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Ideal morning to have talks with partners, then get busy on details. Don't let home af-

fairs upset you this evening. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find a better system for

doing your work in the morning. Be sure to understand what a co-worker wants of you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan for future

recreation and get busy at the work ahead of you. Find happiness in the company of your mate. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Clear up home con-

ditions nicely and than you can have the amusements you dasire. Parfect a talent. Arriva on lima. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Fab. 19) Gel important latter in

Iha mail early in Iha day. Handle home affairs with care. Enlartain casually with family friends. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mer. 20) Handle financial affairs

more intelligantly in the morning. Make calls and visits later. Gal reports out before quitting time. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or sha will be

someone who is broad-minded and pioneering in nature so encourage this ability. In adulthood, your progeny can use this knowledge to think and act positively. Education should be based on the practical. Gentle discipline is best.

"The Slars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good dey to get into your long-range plans that require thrift, careful building up of your assets, and doing business with the law. Don't allow yourself to become inconsiderate or sarcastic. ARIES (Mer. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your property and

other assets carefully and improve them wisely. Permit your mate to express own views which could be helpful. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You find e bettar way of gaining your desires. Don't let a jealous partner interfere. Use self control. Plan a trip. GEMINI (May 21 to Juna 21) Rid yourself of obligations

and handla those secret activities wisaly. Use tact with your mate to avoid a battle. Show your loyalty. MOON CHILDREN (Juna 22 to Jul. 21) Consider which friands will help you with your ideas. Straighlan out an-

noying home situation diplomatically. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Handla credit and career malters wisely and get rid of problams. Answer messages quickly, and keep out of troubla.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sapt. 22) Usa advanced ways of operating to gain your aims and gat good results. Don'l let your responsibilities depress you. Show character.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Discuss deals with business persons. Than pey attention to personal matters. Assert yourself. Avoid the person who makes you leel depleted. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You will succeed at working in harmony with one who is as stubborn as you. Be

more objectiva. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Parsevere at your regular job and benefit in the futura. Stay away from friends for a while. Stick to whatever is practical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan lor recreation in the days ahead with your precious mata. Use patianca in handling outside matters of a practical nature.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Showing that you are

prejudiced at homa could causa a hig argumant, so be undarstanding. Take time for recreation. PISCES (Fab. 20 to Mar. 20) Listening to ideas of associates can lead to mora harmony and benefits. Con-

centrate on homa improvement.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... ha or sha will ba someona who will have much ability at whatever is of a practical nature, so slant education towards business. This ia someona who feela tha need of a mata aarly in lifa, but be sure it is a selfish one. Teach the birds and bees early.

"Tha Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to youl

Peanuts









Mutt 'n' Jeff







HE ALWAYS SAID



JOKE!

Andy Capp









Kissinger likes Contadora plan Argentina to put former junta members on trial

MEXICO CITY (R) - Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said a peace plan for Central America by the Contadora group of states was consistent with U.S. objectives and voiced hope for peace in the volatile region.

Speaking at a press conference after talks with President Miguel de la Madrid. Dr. Kissinger. who heads President Reagan's special commission on Central America. said foreign intervention in the region was a general threat.

l can safely say that we support the Contadora process, that the 21 objectives that have been formulated seem to us consistent with U.S. objectives, or what should be the objectives of the United States." Dr. Kissinger said.

The Contadora group of Mexico. Venezuela. Colombia and Panama has drafted a 21-point peace plan whose key provisions include withdrawal of foreign military advisers from Central America and an end to support for reb-

Dr. Kissinger said there were two problems in Central America. "There are upheavals, instabilities, caused by indigenous conditions that are conducted by local forces with local means and should not concern the United

"There is a second element which is of outside intervention. That I believe represents a general

But Dr. Kissinger said there was hope for peace in Central America. America," he added. and added that he was more opt-"I believe now that if the United commission earlier met Foreign



Henry Kissinger

States makes the necessary economic commitment, and a commitment to democracy and if Contadora countries together with the United States ... develop a forward-looking programme then there is hope for peace in Central

Charged with drafting longimistic than when he took over the term U.S. policy recchairmanship of the commission. ommendations for the region, the

Minister Bernardo Sepulveda for talks on peace negotiations by the Contadora group, foreign ministry officials said.
The U.S. backs guerrillas opp-

osed to Nicaragua's left-wing government and is aiding an aoti-Marxist counter-insurgency in El Salvador. Meanwhile, over 100 U.S.-

backed rebels have surrendered to Nicaraguan authorities, accepting an amnesty from the Sandinist government, a member of the ruling junta said Tuesday. Victor Tirado said the rebels. presented to reporters in the city

i Esteli, had been operating from

Honduras. In another development, former world boxing champion Alexis Arguello. an anti-Sanidinist activist, told reporters in Hooduras that the Costa-Rican based Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (ARDE) would soon launch

Ruben Franco, air force chief Jorge Hughes and army commander Cristino Nicolaides - dissolved their junta last week, delegating full powers to then President Reynaldo Bignone before ·military action in northern Nic-Mr. Alfonsin was sworn in on Sat-Those names io the decree were

generals Jorge Videla and Orlando Agosti; Adm. Eduardo Massera, generals Roberto Viola and Omar Graffigna, Adm. Armando Lambruschini and generals Leopoldo Galtieri and Bàsilio Lami Dozo and Adm. Jorge Anava.

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Arg-

entina's nëwly elected democratic

government announced Tuesday

night that all members of the mil-

itary juntas which ruled from 1976

until last year are to go on trial.

ernment was repealing an amnesty

issued by military rulers for off-

icers accused of violating human

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in the 1970s and would put off-

Three military leaders who took

power in June last year pledging to

restore democracy were not oo the

The three - navy commander

list of those to be tried.

enders on trial.

Government sources said leaders of the Montonero guerrilla movement now in exile would also be tried. The new president said he

would immediately ask congress to repeal the amnesty issued by the previous military government



ces and their civilian collaborators.

dirty war' against the guerrillas. Mr. Alfonsin said repeal of the amnesty law would allow all those responsible for abuses of human rights to be brought to trial and

Jane's says Soviets have biggest military plane in world

LONDON (R) - The Soviet Union has developed a giant military transport plane that can airlift SS-20 nuclear missiles, an authoritative Jane's reference book said Tuesday.

The prototype tour-engine Antonov-100 plane, codenamed Condor by NATO, is the largest aircraft flying in the world now, according to Jane's All The

World's Aircraft 1983-84. Jane's said the Antonov-400) could carry tanks or 200 fullyequipped troops and could just as easily airlift SS-20 medium-range missiles and their mobile launch vehicles quickly to Eastern Europe or even to an island like Gre-

Jane's said the new plane, likely to go into service in the mid-or late 1080s, had a 74 metre wing span, a range of 4.600 kilometres and was five per cent bigger than the U.S. C-5 Galaxy transport.

However, it is not the biggest plane ever to fly. American hillionaire Howard Hughes built a wooden flying boat called the "Spruce Goose" with a wing span of 98 metres that made one brief

The Condor is one of a new generation of Soviet military aircraft detailed in the 74th edition of

Another is the "Blackiack" intercontinental strategic bomber. described as much bigger and faster than the new B-1 bomber that will equip the U.S. air force later this decade.

There are also new lighters and strike planes like the MiG-31 Foxhound, which Jane's says represents a major advance over the MiG-25 Foxbat now in service, and the MiG-29 Fulcrum, likely to have a dual fighter and ground attack role.

Jane's said three new lighters a day were currently rolling off Sovici assembly lines, tar surpassing NATO production.

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'cured' Dissident Soviet announcer

MOSCOW (R) - A radio Moscow announcer who, in news bulletins last May, praised Afghans for fighting against "Soviet invaders", has been reinstated at the station, a spokesman said Wed-

nesdav. He told Reuters that Vladimir Danchey, who was dismissed and sent to a psychiatric clinic after his dissident broadcasts, had been given a new post at the Englishlanguage Radio Moscow world

cured." the spokesman said.

In a series of news hulletins on the world service, Mr. Danchev switched around the normal Sovict jargon for covering the Atghan torial work and not permitted near

conflict and branded Soviet troops as aggressors.

tn one broadcast he said the Alghan population was "playing an increasing role in defending the country's territory against Soviet occupants" and in another praised tribes in two provinces for their struggle against the Soviet invaders"

Mr. Danchev's broadcasts were the first known public protest here against the Soiviet presence in Afghanistan since Moscow's mil-

The Radio Moscow spokesman did not say what post Mr. Danchev now occupied, but informed sources said he was restricted to edi-

pressure from homosexual con-

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paign. He said he had not yet dec-

Mr. Glenn spoke at New York

University on his economic pol-

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He said there were different

"These are very sensitive areas.

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ectors of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and

on his gay rights stand.

some areas." he said.

ided whether he would do so.

His mild treatment cootrasted sharply with the usual Soviet attitude towards dissidents, who are rarely allowed to occupy senior positions once they have denounced state policy.

Neither the radio authorities nor listeners in Moscow noticed Mr. Danchev's critical broadcasts until they were made public by the British Broadcasting Coporation's monitoring service.

Sources at the radio said Mr. Danchev, the son nf a senior Communist Party official, was sent back to his native Tashkent in Central Asia and put out into a clinic for treatment.

Cold keeps

Walesa away

from the law

WARSAW (R) - Nobel Peace

Prize winner Leeh Walesa, who

was summoned to appear before

the public prosecutor in Gdansk

Wednesday, is suffering from a

heavy cold and was unable to

leave his home Wednesday mor-

Mr. Walesa stayed in bed with a

temperature of 38.4 centigrade

and was unable to go to work at

the Lenin shipyard in the Baltic

Port where he works as an ele-

The family was waiting for a

doctor to examine the leader of

The aide said he did not know

whether Mr. Walesa would be

able to answer the summons at 4

ctrician, the aide reported.

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ning, an aide said.

Glenn offends N.Y. gays

rights leaders stormed out-of a meeting with Democratic presidential contender John Glenn Tuesday after he refused to support moves to extend federal civil rights legislation to include homosexuals.

ching, the military and spying.

conference when he realised he was "straight" (heterosexual). answered: "I never made a choice. I always presumed I was not gay and lived my life accordingly.'

senator, is the onty one of the eight Democratic contenders for the U.S. presidency who does not fav- said that the military and the intour extending civil rights laws to elligence community also held forbid discrimination based on special positions. sexual preference.

The issue dominated Mr. Glenn's latest foray into New York.

His local campaign chairman. ator representing Greenwich Vilpopulation, declined to make a

Glenn told a press conference he thought homosexuals might not be tit for certain johs, including tea-

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NEW YORK (R) - Eight gay

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Mr. Glenn. asked at the news

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p.m. Pakistani court acquits blind girl in rape case

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's Islamic laws introduced by martial highest Islamic trihunal has acquited a blind teenage girl whose earlier sentence to 15 lashes for adultery sparked off a controversy about women's rights here, a gov-

ernment spokesman said Wednesday. Hearing the case on appeal, the federal shariat court dropped aduliery charges against Safia Begum. a maid who said she was raped by a father and son who employed her in a village south of the Punjab

law President Mohammad Zia-UI-Hau, sparked off a controversy in Pakistan because the two men were let off for lack of evidence.

The local court trying the case took the fact that Safia Begum bore a child - who later died - as proof of her part in the act and sentenced her to 15 lashes and three years io jail.

The spokesman said the federal shariat court had not yet made public its legal arguments for reversing the lower courts decision.

Fire reported 3 Korean on Columbia

space agency officials said.

Officials of the National Aeronauties and Space Agency (N-ASA) said they were not aware of the fire as the shuttle glided on to a desert runway at Edwards air force base, California, with six crewmen and the billion dollar European spacelab research lab-

The fire occurred about two minutes before touchdown in two of the shuttle's three auxiliary power units.

"There were no direct indications of a fire at the time of landing." a NASA statement said. "The six-man crew was unaffected

NASA said the fire was apparently caused by a leak of liquid hydrazine fuel which is burned in the power uoits.

rapists to be executed

officials said Wednesday. Hwang in-Kyu. 24: Choi Yun-

Song. 24. and Choi Song-Hun. 21). were convicted of teaming up to rob houses and rape students and other women there in front of their relatives on 21 occasions between September and December last year.

The court was told that one rape victim and her mother were driven insane after being attacked and that the incidents had also led to the breakup of some marriages.

its ferocity and heinousness. Such non-humans should be thoroughly exterminated in order to protect the home and society from infinite infidels of humanity like them." the court said, declaring: "Capital punishment is only too generous for them."

President Raul Alfonsin said in a televised speech that the govguerrilla drive by the armed forces

for all members of the armed for-

Between 6.000 and 30.000 people are estimated to have disappeared during the military's

But he made clear that the government would distinguish between those who planned and supervised the illegal methods of repression, those who exceeded their orders for reasons of cruelty, perversity or greed, and those who simply followed orders, believing them to be legitimate. The first two categories would be punished most heavily, he said,

Priest survives air crash after baptising 3 French survivors

MADRIDIRI --- Three members it crashed as it approached the airof a French family who survived a port on Nov. 27. Boeing 747 crash at Madrid Airport two weeks ago were haptised Katy, three, were haptised in a by a Roman Catholic priest who Madrid clinic by Carlos Giaescaped from a second crash 111 comuzzi, an Italian priest who escdavs later.

French policeman Patrick Neger, his wife Elisabeth, daughter Katy and son Ludovic were among 12 survivors. The rest of the 193 people on board the Colomhian airlioer were killed when

Patrick, 29. Elisabeth, 26, and aped unharmed last Wednesday when two Spanish airliners collided at Madrid Airport, killing 43 peoplera hospital spokesman said,

Mr. Neger said after the accident that God had saved him.

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Vienna 'ghost train' burnt down

VIENNA (R) - The Vienna funfair ghost train, billed as the biggest in Europe, has mysteriously burned to the ground, police said. The funfair was closed for the winter and when fire broke out Tuesday night firemen had to rescue the owner and her children from their home next door, police added. The train carried children and other passengers through a tunnel packed with "ghosts" and other funfair "horrors".

Confidence trickster fools Australia

SYDNEY (R) - Police said Wednesday that Australia's largest uncut sapphire was among diamonds, gold and jewels worth more than \$3 million taken by a confidence trickster. Authorities have launched a nationwide hunt for the man, who disappeared after collecting the gems for an exhibition and sale in Sydney. Police have been inundated with calls from the trickster's victims, including a man from Newcastle, north of here, who had sent the sapphire worth 350,000 dollars (\$3 (5,000). Police fear that the man, who called himself Colin Richards, could already be out of Australia with his haul.

Euro-official on 70th day of fast

BRUSSELS (R) - A European commission official Wednesday reached the 70th day of a hunger strike aimed at forcing developing nations and the European Community to promote respect for human rights. Franco Cupini, 38, told Reuters he had lost about 13 kilos since starting his fast, and was beginning to suffer eye problems and memory loss. He added he would probably end his strike next week. He said he stopped cating on Oct. 6, the day the Community and over 60 African. Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states opened talks on overhauling a long-term trade and aid pact." Any new accord has to ensure respect for human rights and respect for people's basic needs," he said, adding he had received encouraging letters from both ACP and Community

Willie Brandt marries for 3rd time

BONN (R) -- Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt. who leads the opposition Social Democratic Party, has married his 37-year-old companion, Brigitte Seebacher, it was disclosed Wednesday. It was the third marriage for Mr. Brandt, who will be 70 next week. His first two marriages, both to Norwegian-born women, ended in divorce.

Thieves demand donation to Solidarity

PARIS1R! - Thieves who stole a tunic said to have been worn by Jesus Christ before he was crucified have demanded a French church donation to the outlawed Polish trade union Solidarity, the newspaper Liberation said Wednesday. The leftist newspaper said a woman claiming to represent the thieves also demanded the release from prison of three suspected members of the hanned French extremist group Action Directe in exchange for the relic.

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But they said the fire posed no danger to the crew.

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